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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TOSHIAKI IGARASHI ET AL.

Application No.: 09/017,295

Filed: February 2, 1998

For: NETWORK DATA BASE CONTROL
DEVICE AND METHOD THEREOF

Examiner: T. Kupstas

Group Art Unit: 2153

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) has been filed concurrently herewith.

Prior to examination on the merits, and supplemental to the Amendment filed on March 11, 2002, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 10, 11, 28, 31, 48, 51, 54, 61, 63, 70-73, 76, 80-83, and 86, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

Please amend Claims 1-3, 24, and 57-59 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

1. (Four Times Amended) A displaying method of acquiring information related

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